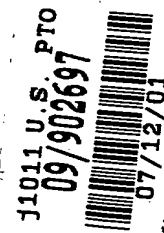


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hisashi MITAMURA, et al.
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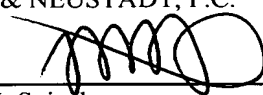
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (7-96525) on Form PTO-1449:

The purpose is to properly and sufficiently heat the whole of a green tire within a shorter time.

The bead rings 24a, 24b holding the bead part of a green tire are externally fitted to upper and lower clamps 16, 18 and cylindrical coils 25a, 25b are embedded therein. Further, cylindrical coils 15a, 15b are embedded in upper and lower molds 14a, 14b so as to surround the part corresponding to the tread part of the green tire. An AC power supply is connected to the respective coils 15a, 15b, 25a, 25b through a current value control unit and, at the time of vulcanization, the magnetic fields due to the coils 15a, 15b, 25a, 25b are generated in the bead P and belt layer B of the green tire.

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